



DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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SBA TO CLOSE DISASTER ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS IN CARROLL AND PEACH COUNTIES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that it will close two temporary disaster assistance workshops on Sept. 21 at 5:00 p.m. The offices scheduled to close are located in the Carroll County Administration Annex, 423 College Street – Room 501 in Carrollton and the Peach County Court House, 205 W. Church Street, Fort Valley.

Individuals and businesses that were affected by the severe storms and tornadoes, that occurred August 29, have only one day left to get personal help with their SBA disaster loan applications. “We keep our workshops open as long as there appears to be a need for SBA assistance. We have seen very few people at this location over the past few days. That tells us we have probably met the needs of those in the area that were interested in getting help,” said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

“If you had any damage caused by the severe storms and tornadoes, I hope you will come to the workshop and personally meet with an SBA loan officer. Our staff will be glad to answer any questions about the disaster loan program, give you an application, and provide any extra help you may need or want in completing your application,” Skaggs added.

Victims that sustained damage due to the severe storms and tornadoes in the declared primary counties of Carroll and Peach and contiguous counties of Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Douglas, Fulton, Haralson, Heard, Houston, Macon, Paulding and Taylor in the State of Georgia and the contiguous counties of Cleburne and Randolph in the State of Alabama are eligible to apply for these SBA disaster loans.

“I also want to express my thanks to the Carroll County Administration Annex and the Peach County Court House for providing the space for our centers. The many courtesies extended to our staff have been greatly appreciated,” Skaggs said.

After the disaster workshops close, applications and program information will still be available by calling the SBA Disaster Assistance National Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired. Completed applications should be returned to: U.S. Small Business Administration, National Processing and Disbursement Center – 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline for returning applications for physical damage is November 7; the deadline to return the economic injury applications is June 7, 2006.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster

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